

**United States Patent and Trademark Office**

Examiner: Punnoose, R.

Art Unit: 2877

Docket No. 3140

In re:

Applicant: SCHMIDT, D., et al

Serial No.: 10/516,584

Filed: December 2, 2004

**AMENDMENT**

December 8, 2006

Hon. Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sirs:

Responsive to the Office Action of October 4, 2006, please amend the application as follows: